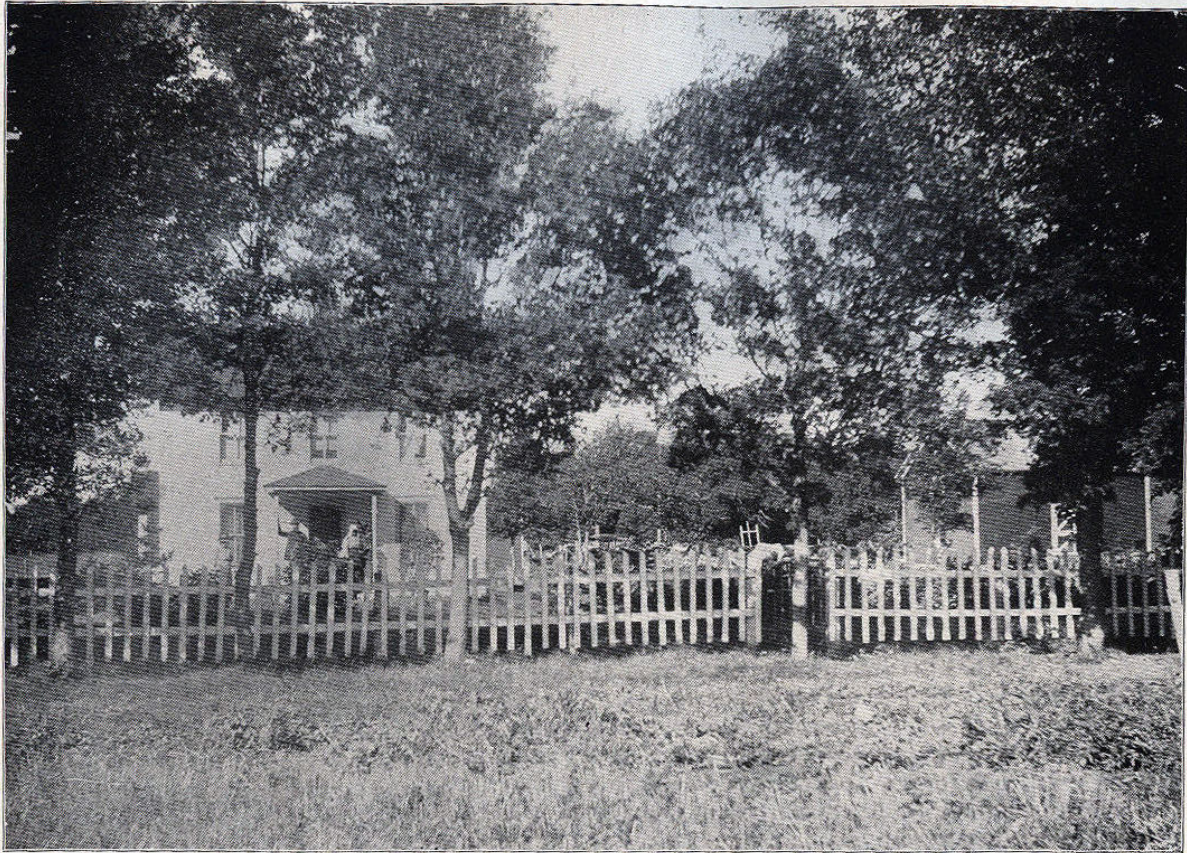


## Charter Member of Concordia ADNA HANSON BREILAND



RESIDENCE OF A. H. BREILAND, KRAGNES TOWNSHIP, CLAY COUNTY, MINN.

Adna Hanson Breiland is one of the very oldest settlers of Kragnes township, Clay county, Minnesota, though he is by no means bent and bowed with age himself, such a statement indicating the newness of settlement in this part of the valley. He was born in Bradsberg Amt, Christiansand Stift, Norway. March 3, 1846, and was the second member of a family of five children born to his parents, Hans and Tone (Bjurfsdatter) Odnason, both of whom are now dead.

Mr. Breiland came to this country in 1868, with the plan of remaining here about three years, first stopping at the home of his sister in Dane county, Wisconsin, and going from there to the residence of an aunt in Houston county, Minnesota. For some five years he was employed in various labors in this state, spending two winters in the woods. In the spring of 1871 Mr. Breiland joined a party of some fifty men going with ox teams to the Red river valley. He found a desirable location, and took a pre-emption claim in the town of Moland, Clay county, where he remained for about a year. In the

grasshopper plague every green and growing thing on his place was destroyed, and Mr. Breiland threw up his farm in disgust, returning to his home in Houston county. In 1875 he went back to Norway, thinking to stay there the rest of his life. Instead he only stayed six months, and was glad to come again to the United States. In the spring of 1877, convinced that the grasshopper was not a permanent institution of the Red river country, Mr. Breiland bought land in Clay county and established himself where he is living today. His land is situated on the Buffalo river, and comprises a half-section of very desirable soil. Mr. Breiland brought with him on the occasion of his second settlement about a thousand dollars, and has provided himself with good buildings, a flowing well and other conveniences of modern life. A view of his residence is shown upon another page of this work. He is a Republican, and belongs to the Lutheran church. He was a member of the first town board of Kragnes township, and has at one time or another held different offices in the town. In 1876 he was married to Gro Torgensdatter Aken, and they have one adopted daughter, Gena Breiland. In 1896 Mr. Breiland, with his family, made an extended visit to Norway. He is one of the successful men of the Red river valley.